not to settle the matter through negotiations or through the good offices of the Government of India. Now it looks from the figures given by all the States our demands are more and water in the basin is less than the demand. This is another factor. Under these circumstances, there is not much to say, at this stage. But if you desire I will meet you before I go and also tell you what it is. Our stand has been clear that we cannot agree to 1924 agreement. We have made this clear from time to time. In the press something appeared that we are going to agree for the extension and all that. But that is not true. This is all I can say at this stage.

MADAM SPEAKER : Question hour is over.

WATER SUPPLY TO SOME VILLAGES OF LINGSUGUR TALUK

43. Sri A. SHARANAPPA (Deodurg).—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware of the acuteness of drinking water problem of the inhabitants of the following villages of Lingsugur Taluk, Raichur District since 2 years ; namely : (1) Hanchinal, (2) Kadadargoddi, (3) Yalgundi, (4) Yargodi, (5) Gonwatta and (6) Guntagola ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there are no wells in these villages ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these villagers are using Krishna River Water for drinking and other purposes ?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) Yes, since one year.

(*b*) There are no wells in four villages referred to against Sl. No. 1 to 4. The other two villages noted against Sl. No. 5 and 6 are having one well each.

(*c*) Yes.